

HOUSE BILL 2557
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 10 and Title 3, Chapter 6, relative to public office, including the election to public office, service therein, employees of public officials and the regulation of the activities of persons seeking to influence the legislative or administrative actions of public officials.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-310, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-114, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting instead the following:

(1) No lobbyist or employer of a lobbyist may provide a gift, directly or indirectly, to a candidate for the legislature, official in the legislative branch, or immediate family of such candidate or official.

(2) A candidate for the legislature, an official in the legislative branch, or immediate family of such candidate or official may not solicit or accept directly or indirectly a gift from a lobbyist or an employer of a lobbyist.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-106(b), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(3) An itemized list by date, beneficiary, amount, and circumstances of any gift made by a lobbyist during the reporting period to benefit an official in the executive branch; provided, however, a nonmonetary item with a value of three dollars (\$3.00) or less during one (1) calendar day from one (1) donor need not be reported.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-302(d), is amended by adding the following language:

If any provision of this subsection (d) or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, then all provisions and applications of this subsection (d) are declared to be invalid and void.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.